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## Archives Center Wild West Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Archives Center Wild West Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1884-1917, undated
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1466
<b>Extent:</b>	0.66 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	Collection is in English. Some materials in French and German.
<b>Summary:</b>	The collection consists of printed materials and ephemera relating to "Wild West" shows.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Anthony Sapienza in 2018.

### Related Materials

#### **Archives Center, National Museum of American History**

Warsaw Collection of Business Americana, NMAH.AC.0060

L.F. Foster Wild West Scrapbooks, Photographs, and Copy Negatives, NMAH.AC.1289

Sonora Carver Papers, NMAH.AC.0521

### Processing Information

Collection processed by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, archivist, 2018.

### Preferred Citation

Archives Center Wild West Collection, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

### Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

Wild West shows were performed across the United States from circa 1870-1920. The shows introduced the American West to a wider audience and primarily featured cowboys and Native Americans, loosely based on historical events. In addition, Wild West shows offered actors opportunities to display skills of showmanship.

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## Content Description

The collection consists of printed materials and ephemera relating to "Wild West" shows. It primarily includes dime novels, programs, sheet music, advertisements, artwork, and publications.

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## Arrangement

Collection arranged into one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Cowboys -- United States
- Illustrated books, Children's
- Indians of North America
- Rodeos -- United States
- Western shows
- Wild west shows

Cultures:

- Indians of North America

Types of Materials:

- Comic books
- Design drawings
- Itineraries
- Programs
- Sheet music -- 20th century

Names:

- Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917
- Pawnee Bill, 1860-1942

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## Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Historical sketches and programs, 1884-1905
Box 2, Folder 1	Book, 1887
Box 1, Folder 2	Program (in French), 1889
Box 1, Folder 3	Dime novel, 1895
Box 1, Folder 4	Dime novels (in German), 1901
Box 1, Folder 5	Postcard, 1911
Box 1, Folder 6	Buffalo Bill Weekly, 1917-05-19
Box 1, Folder 7	Dime novels (in French), undated
Box 1, Folder 8	Dime novels (in French), undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Buffalo Bill's Wild West from Life by Charles Henckel, drawings, undated
Box 1, Folder 10	Original artwork for dime novel, undated
Box 2, Folder 2	Sheet music, undated